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## Terry Goddard Announces Events to Mark Fair Housing Month

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 1, 2008) Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced several events commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the U.S. Fair Housing Act. This landmark civil rights legislation, along with the Arizona Fair Housing Act, prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability.

"I encourage all Arizonans to learn more about their fair housing rights and responsibilities," Goddard said. "Over the past four decades, we have come a long way toward achieving equal rights for all Arizonans, but there is still much work to be done."

### Statewide Fair Housing Forums

Throughout April, which is Fair Housing Month, the Attorney General's Office will participate in a series of fair housing forums in partnership with numerous community organizations and government agencies. These meetings will feature workshops designed to educate the public about the right to fair housing and how to combat housing discrimination in their communities.

- **Glendale Fair Housing Forum.** This event will be held on Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 4 p.m. at Glendale Community College Student Union, 6000 W. Olive.
- **Yuma Fair Housing Forum.** This event will be held on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Center, 300 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Prescott Fair Housing Forum.** This event will be held on Friday, April 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at Prescott City Council Chambers, 201 S. Cortez St.
- **Tucson Fair Housing Forum.** This event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 5 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A. Frances McClelland Leadership Center, 525 N. Bonita Ave.

### Fair Housing Brochure

Arizonans can learn more about their fair housing rights and responsibilities by reading *Housing Discrimination: Get the Facts*. This brochure contains information about the Fair Housing Act for housing professionals, property owners and renters. It is available for download from the Attorney General's Web site at [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov). Funds for this brochure were provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **Library Exhibits**

Libraries across the state have joined forces with the Attorney General's Office and local civil rights organizations to help Arizonans of all ages educate themselves about housing discrimination. Arizonans are encouraged to explore the books and informational displays on diversity and civil rights that will be featured in participating libraries all month.

## **Housing Resources Available Online**

Fair housing resources are now available online, at [www.azag.gov/civil\\_rights/fairhousing](http://www.azag.gov/civil_rights/fairhousing). Arizonans are encouraged to visit the Web site to educate themselves about their fair housing rights and responsibilities. Information about the fair housing forums can also be found online.

The Civil Rights Division of the Attorney General's Office provides training to individuals, businesses and professional associations that are trying to comply with the law. Information on events and resources provided by the Division throughout the year can be found on the Attorney General's Office website.

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